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REMARKS ABOUT NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES

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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S NOVEMBER 15
REMARKS ABOUT NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION STIMULATED
CAUTIOUS BUT FIRM OFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY OFFICIAL FRG
SPOKESMEN. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT GERMAN AND US VIEWS
ABOUT NUCLEAR CONTROLS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SIMILAR AND
DEFENDED THE SAFEGUARDS PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE
GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT WHICH COULD SERVE
AS AN EXAMPLE. END SUMMARY.

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2. MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN. HE CHARACTERIZED THE SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS OF THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT AS A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO NON-PROLIFERATION CONCEPTS BECAUSE THESE MEASURES EVEN EXCEED THOSE REQUIRED BY THE NPT. NEWSPAPERS NOTED THAT THE FONOFF SPOKESMAN DID NOT RPT NOT HINT OF POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DELIVERY OF SENSITIVE FACILITIES TO BRAZIL, WHICH COULD POSSIBLY IMPERIL THE WHOLE DEAL AS BRAZIL NEEDED THE FACILITIES TO BECOME INDEPENDENT OF OTHER NATIONS. ALL NEWS STORIES DOUBTED THAT THIS DM 12 BILLION DEAL COULD BE RENEGOTIATED. HOWEVER, OTHER UNIDENTIFIED GOVERNMENT SOURCES WERE REPORTED AS WILLING TO INTENSIFY DIPLOMATIC CONSULTATIONS ABOUT NEW INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR CONTROL MECHANISMS.

3. IN A REGIONALLY-BROADCAST RADIO INTERVIEW, FRG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN (BOELLING) DENIED REPORTS OF IRRITATION IN THE FRG GOVERNMENT. HE REMARKED THAT "THESE DIFFERING OPINIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTINUOUS DISCUSSION WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING WITH OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS." HE REJECTED PUBLIC SPECULATION THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER INTENDED TO GIVE THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRY A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE. BOELLING ALSO NOTED THE ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARD MEASURES IN THE BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT AND EXPLAINED THAT--FOR TECHNICAL REASONS--THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FULL-SCALE REPROCESSING PLANT IN BRAZIL WAS STILL FIFTEEN YEARS AWAY AND THE URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT WAS NOT DESIGNED TO PRODUCE WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL. BOELLING REFUSED TO SPECULATE FURTHER ABOUT THESE FEW PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS BY THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT-ELECT. IF HE WISHED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THE FRG NEXT YEAR, BOELLING REITERATED THAT THE FRG WAS OBVIOUSLY PREPARED TO CONTINUE THIS DISCUSSION AMONG FRIENDS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE APPARENT DIFFERENCE OF INTEREST AS "FICTITIOUS."

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